

# East Kent

## District Governor

### Briefing

Summer 2017

# Welcome

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# Agenda

## Welcome

Lorraine Monkhouse  
Area Governance Officer, East Kent

## 2 Academies Information Sharing

Ana Rowley  
KCC Academies Conversion Team Manager

## 3 Kent Governor Association

David Stanley & Lisa Laws  
Ashford KGA Representative

- **Governors** - please consider topics/issues to be taken forward to KGA from Ashford District
- Update from area representative

## 4 Virtual Governance - Things to consider

Lorraine Monkhouse  
Area Governance Officer, East Kent

## 5 In the News, Governors' Discussion Points & Networking

Lorraine Monkhouse  
Area Governance Officer, East Kent



# Polite Reminders !

- **Housekeeping**
- **Paper free !**
- **Have you signed the register?**
- **List at least three actions that you will complete following this discussion.**
- **Please complete the online evaluations (direct to you via email)**

# KGA

## Kent Governors' Association

### KGA Representatives

- **David Stanley**
- **Lisa Laws**

**KGA Chair- Jack Keeler** [jackkeeler@btinternet.com](mailto:jackkeeler@btinternet.com)



# Notes for District Governor Briefings

- Next KGA Assembly 7-9 pm Monday 12 June, Oakwood House, Maidstone: Please book via CPD Online. All governors welcome.
- KGA are monitoring governor vacancies. Please ensure your clerk is keeping records up to date.



- Following the Assembly and the presentation by Sally Lees, links have been strengthened with the KAHT through her as Chair.
- Governors will be represented on the Stakeholder and Commissioning Board of new Education Services Company by the Chair of the KGA.
- The NGA has changed its name and is now to be known as the National Governance Association.
- Any suggestions for suitable and realistic venues for the County Assembly in other parts of Kent? Would more attend if meetings are held in Ashford or Canterbury?



- Governors' Training Programme
- Governor Services Twitter account; governors are asked to follow it.
- Kent Leadership Strategy – support for COGs & VCOGs



## Fundraising and Voluntary Action in Primary Schools

Seminar to debate new research which examines fundraising activities in primary schools across Kent and Medway.

**June 29th, 2017, 6.30pm refreshments and networking, 7pm start until 9pm. Augustine House, Canterbury Christ Church University, CT1 2YA Free event for school senior leaders and governors. To book a place please contact: Jessica Messenger on [j.messenger1195@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:j.messenger1195@canterbury.ac.uk)**

Some primary schools attract as much as £250,000 of fundraised income per year; the seminar will discuss:

- Going beyond the school gates: Different ways in which schools can strategically engage in fundraising activities
- The value and challenges of actively engaging volunteers in the school community
- Sharing learning across schools about 'what works'



# VIRTUAL GOVERNANCE

- **2013 Roles, Procedure & Allowances regulations were introduced for LA Maintained Schools**
- **Permitted Virtual Governance**
- **Aligned LA Maintained with Academies – Academies already had this freedom  
(check funding agreement/Articles of Association)**
- **[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1624/pdfs/uksi\\_20131624\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1624/pdfs/uksi_20131624_en.pdf)**
- **[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/270783/school\\_governance\\_regulations\\_2013\\_departmental\\_advice.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/270783/school_governance_regulations_2013_departmental_advice.pdf)**

# Extracts from Legislation / Guidance

- the governing body may approve alternative arrangements for governors to participate or vote at meetings of the governing body including but not limited to by telephone or video conference.
- 28. The requirement to be present at the meeting means that proxy voting or voting in advance of a meeting is not permitted. It is important that governors are present to hear and engage in the debate before casting their vote.
- 29. However, the regulations now give boards the power to make arrangements for their members to be present at board and committee meetings ‘virtually’, for example by telephone or video conference, and therefore to participate in discussion and decision making remotely.

# ACTIVITY

Discuss in your table groups:

- Any agreement that your board currently has in place regarding virtual governance
- Work through the items on the sheet
- Be prepared to feedback to/discuss with the whole group

# **In the News, Discussion & Networking**

- **NGA- name change, same initials. National Governance Association**
- **EFA has become the EFSA, the Education , Funding and Skills agency**
- **Ofsted HMCI, Amanda Spielman, first speech since taking office.**
- **Budgets**
  - **Maintained school , FGB approve 3 year budget by 31<sup>st</sup> May**
  - **Academies have to do a new Budget Forecast Return: Outturn by 19<sup>th</sup> May with the 3 year budget forecast return for year 17 / 18 to be approved and returned by the 28<sup>th</sup> July**

# In the News, Discussion & Networking

- Pupil absence in schools in England: 2015 to 2016 released
- [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/602320/SFR14\\_2017\\_Text.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/602320/SFR14_2017_Text.pdf)
- New Trust Board Chairs Identity Verification form
- Maintained schools – Parent governor election process
- National Chairs of Governance Leadership development course- last one!
- <https://hampshire.firmstep.com/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=AEyRQxShp8p&HideToolbar=1>
- National Clerks development course – last one !
- <https://hampshire.firmstep.com/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=AEyRQxShp8p&HideToolbar=1>

# In the News, Discussion & Networking

- **Changes to constitutional arrangements for maintained school governing bodies from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017**
- **[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/487/pdfs/ukxi\\_20170487\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/487/pdfs/ukxi_20170487_en.pdf)**
- **Maintained school Governing Bodies power to remove elected parent and staff governors inline with the removal of co opted governors.**
- **From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 any elected parent or staff governor removed is disqualified for serving as a school governor for 5 years.**

# In the News, Discussion & Networking

## Clerking Competency Framework

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/609971/Clerking\\_competency\\_framework.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/609971/Clerking_competency_framework.pdf)

**Focuses on the Knowledge, skills and effective behaviours under 4 competencies.**

- **Competency 1: Understanding governance**
- **Competency 2: Administration**
- **Competency 3: Advice and guidance**
- **Competency 4: People and relationships**

# Course Evaluation – Don't forget!

- Please take 5 minutes to complete your evaluation form.
- You can access the link now via your mobile phone/tablet: [www.kentcpdonline.org.uk](http://www.kentcpdonline.org.uk) and then log into your account.
- Click on 'My CPD Online' and 'Events Attended'
- From here you will be able to locate this event and then click on 'Enter Evaluation'.
- Alternatively please log into your account, using the e-mail link which you will receive from CPD online as soon as the register of attendance has been processed .
- You will be able to download your certificate of attendance once you have completed the evaluation and the signed register has been processed by the Training & Development Administration team.

**We value and act on your comments.**

**Thank you.**

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